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Examiner:

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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required 4. and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER

Accompanying this communication is a copy of a 9 page Amendment; 1 page facsimile transmittal letter dated November 10, 2004 and a 1 page TX Report dated November 10, 2004 indicating the transmission was OK. The accompanying Amendment was originally filed November 10, 2004. Our fax machine indicated that the transmission was received by the USPTO, however, we did not receive an Auto Reply Facsimile Transmission nor did we see the document on the USPTO's PAIR system.

Per my discussion with Examiner Nguyen, we are refaxing the original Amendment along with the documentation indicating that it was received and hereby request that the Amendment be accorded its November 10, 2004 filing date.

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the Application as follows: